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THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Resumed Tenth session
Geneva, 18-22 August 1997
Agenda item 2

PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Housing of the global mechanism

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Recalling Article 21 of the Convention to Combat Desertification, in particular paragraphs 4 to 7;

Recalling also the invitation by the Chairman of the INCD to organizations which might be interested in hosting the Global Mechanism, to submit such an interest in writing;

Noting the statement made by the President of the World Bank at the 19th Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in June 1997 as well as the statement made by the representative of the World Bank at the resumed tenth session;

Noting further with appreciation the additional information provided by IFAD and UNDP with respect to their respective offers to house the Global Mechanism;

Recalling its decision 10/3, in particular paragraph 4, which requests the interim secretariat to present the submissions of IFAD and UNDP to the first Conference of the Parties (COP 1);

1. Requests the COP 1 to consider the offers of IFAD and UNDP, including any suggestions which they deem necessary, and to take appropriate action on the matters related to the selection of an institution which should house the Global Mechanism;

2. Requests the Secretariat, in consultation with IFAD and UNDP to develop proposals on administrative and operational modalities of the Global Mechanism for consideration and adoption by the COP at its first session;

3. Invites IFAD, UNDP and the World Bank to consult on and develop a proposal on the possible collaborative institutional arrangement for the Global Mechanism for submission to, consideration and appropriate action by the COP at its first session.